


C. CONCLUSION

With this response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and the Preliminary Amendment filed on November 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of pending claims. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues in this case in order to advance the prosecution thereof.

No fee is believed due in association with this Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501959.

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